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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, adding thereto one new section relating to taxing tobacco products.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on

- 2 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2006, or at a special
- 3 election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted
- 4 to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following
- 5 amendment to article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding

- 2 thereto one new section, to be known as section 37(b), to read as follows:
 - Section 37(b). 1. For the sole and exclusive purpose of providing
- 2 additional moneys to be expended and used only for tobacco use
- Beducation, prevention, and cessation programs and initiatives, and the
- 4 treatment of chronic diseases and medical conditions, including
- 5 tobacco-related illnesses, on and after January 1, 2007, a tax equal to
- 6 two cents per cigarette and twenty percent of the manufacturer's
- 7 invoice price before discounts and deals on other tobacco products
- 8 shall be levied and imposed upon the sale of cigarettes and other
- 9 tobacco products. The tax imposed by this section shall be in addition
- to other taxes imposed by law on the sale of cigarettes and other
- 11 tobacco products and shall be collected in the same manner and at the
- 12 same time as the taxes imposed by law upon the sale of cigarettes and
- 13 other tobacco products.
- 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:
- 15 (1) "Chronic Disease Management Account", the account created

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- 16 by subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section;
- 17 (2) "Cigar", any roll for smoking, except cigarettes, made chiefly 18 of tobacco or any tobacco substitute;
- (3) "Cigarette", an item manufactured of tobacco or any tobacco substitute, wrapped in paper or any paper substitute, weighing not more than three pounds per one thousand cigarettes, and commonly classified, labeled, or advertised as a cigarette;
- 23 (4) "Department of health and senior services", the executive 24 department established by chapter 192, RSMo, or any successor 25 department or agency;
- 26 (5) "Federal poverty guidelines", the federal poverty guidelines
 27 established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 9902(2), as amended, or any
 28 successor federal poverty guidelines;
- 29 (6) "Healthy Future Trust Fund", the fund created by subsection 30 3 of this section;
- 31 (7) "Manufacturer's invoice price", the original net invoice price 32 for which a manufacturer sells other tobacco products to a distributor, 33 wholesaler, or first seller in the state as shown by the manufacturer's 34 original invoice;
 - (8) "Missouri Medicaid beneficiary", an individual who receives medical assistance under the Missouri Medicaid program;
- (9) "Missouri Medicaid program", the medical assistance program
 administered by the state of Missouri under Title XIX of the Social
 Security Act, as amended, and chapter 208, RSMo, or any successor to
 the program;
- (10) "Net proceeds", the total moneys collected and deposited in the Healthy Future Trust Fund pursuant to the tax imposed by this section minus the amounts transferred from or paid out of the Healthy Future Trust Fund pursuant to subsection 5 of this section;
- (11) "Other tobacco products", cigarette papers, clove cigarettes, 46 cigars, smokeless tobacco, smoking tobacco, or other forms of tobacco 47 products or products made with a tobacco substitute containing 48 nicotine;
- (12) "Outpatient ancillary services", outpatient laboratory and medical imaging services necessary for primary and specialist physicians to provide diagnostic and therapeutic services to their patients;

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53 (13) "Physician", an individual with a valid and current license 54 to practice medicine and a valid and current Missouri Medicaid 55 participation agreement;

- (14) "Qualifying medical condition", a medical condition or chronic disease determined by the department of social services to be among the most prevalent medical conditions or chronic diseases in the population of Missouri Medicaid beneficiaries, including but not limited to medical conditions or chronic diseases that are caused or exacerbated by secondhand smoke or the use of cigarettes or other tobacco products;
- (15) "Smokeless tobacco", chewing tobacco, including but not limited to twist, moist plug, loose leaf and firm plug, and all types of snuff, including but not limited to moist and dry;
- (16) "Tobacco Use Prevention, Education, and Cessation Account", the account created by subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section;
- (17) "Uninsured Missourian", a Missouri resident and United States citizen who does not have health care coverage through any private insurer, employer-sponsored self-insured plan, government health care program such as Medicaid, Medicare, or similar programs, or any other source;
- 3. "The Healthy Future Trust Fund" is hereby created within the state treasury. The following accounts are hereby created within the Healthy Future Trust Fund:
- 76 (1) Tobacco Use Prevention, Education, and Cessation Account;77 and
 - (2) Chronic Disease Management Account.
- 4. Beginning January 1, 2007, the state treasurer without 79 80 legislative action shall credit to and place in the Healthy Future Trust Fund all moneys collected as a result of the tax imposed by this section 81 82 as said moneys are received. All of the moneys from the tax imposed by this section shall be kept separate from the general revenue fund as 83 well as any other funds or accounts in the state treasury and shall be 84 credited to and placed only in the Healthy Future Trust Fund and the 85 86 accounts created within the Healthy Future Trust Fund. Any moneys credited to and placed in the Healthy Future Trust Fund and any 87 account created by this section shall be appropriated and used only for 88 a purpose or an initiative authorized by this section and shall not be 89

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subject to the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo. The unexpended 90 balances of such moneys shall remain in the Healthy Future Trust Fund and in the particular account in which the moneys are placed, and such balances shall not revert to the general revenue fund. All interest 93which accrues upon the moneys in any account within the Healthy 94Future Trust Fund shall be added to such account and shall not be 95credited to the general revenue fund. Except as otherwise provided in 96 this section, generally applicable laws concerning use of public funds 97 shall apply to the Healthy Future Trust Fund. 98

- 5. (1) The actual costs of collecting the tax imposed by this section shall be paid from the moneys in the Healthy Future Trust Fund as may be provided by law, not to exceed four percent of the total moneys collected;
- (2) The department of revenue shall refund moneys overpaid or erroneously paid pursuant to this section as may be provided by law;
- (3) Each month, the director of the department of revenue shall determine whether the tax imposed by this section has caused a 106 reduction in the amount of moneys collected and deposited into the fair 108 share fund, the health initiatives fund, or the state school moneys fund 109 under chapter 149, RSMo. If a reduction in the amount of moneys 110 collected and deposited into any of those funds under chapter 149, RSMo, has been caused by the tax imposed by this section, an amount equal to the amount of moneys that were not collected and deposited 113 into that fund or funds because of the tax imposed by this section shall be transferred from the Healthy Future Trust Fund to the appropriate fund or funds. The aggregate amount transferred to the fair share 116 fund, the health initiatives fund, and the state school moneys fund from the Healthy Future Trust Fund for any month shall not exceed three percent of the total moneys collected pursuant to this section during that same month.
 - 6. The net proceeds of the tax imposed by this section shall be monthly apportioned, distributed, and deposited as follows:
- 122(1) Thirty-five percent of the net proceeds shall be credited to 123 and placed in the Tobacco Use Prevention, Education, and Cessation 124 Account; and
- (2) Sixty-five percent of the net proceeds shall be credited to and 125placed in the Chronic Disease Management Account. 126

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7. Moneys deposited in the Tobacco Use Prevention, Education, and Cessation Account shall be appropriated by the general assembly to the department of health and senior services, the department of public safety, and the department of mental health for the sole purpose of funding a comprehensive statewide tobacco control program that is consistent with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's, or its successor agency's, best practices and guidelines for tobacco control programs and is determined by the department of health and senior services to be effective to prevent and reduce tobacco use, reduce the public's exposure to secondhand smoke, and identify and eliminate disparities related to tobacco use and its effects among different population groups. The components of the comprehensive statewide tobacco control program shall include but not be limited to: community programs to reduce tobacco use, chronic disease programs to reduce the burden of tobacco-related diseases, school programs, enforcement of existing policies, statewide programs, counter-marketing programs, cessation programs, surveillance and evaluation, and administration and management. The general assembly may also, as part of the cessation program component of the statewide tobacco control program, appropriate funds in the Tobacco Use Prevention, Education, and Cessation Account to the department of social services for tobacco use cessation programs for Missouri Medicaid beneficiaries, provided that no more than ten percent of the moneys in the Tobacco Use Prevention, Education, and Cessation Account shall be appropriated for such programs.

(1) To ensure effective funding allocations of the moneys in the Tobacco Use Prevention, Education, and Cessation Account within the best practices and guidelines of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention or its successor agency, at least fifteen percent of those moneys shall be appropriated for mass media public education and counter-marketing programs, at least fifteen percent of those moneys shall be appropriated for community programs to reduce tobacco use, at least five percent of those moneys shall be appropriated for surveillance and evaluation relating to all expenditures and uses of the funds, and at least fifteen percent but no more than thirty percent of those moneys shall be appropriated for cessation programs including any funds appropriated for tobacco use cessation programs for Missouri

164 Medicaid beneficiaries.

- 165 (2) The department of health and senior services shall 166 promulgate reasonable rules pursuant to notice and comment 167procedures provided by law to implement this subsection, including rules to determine the overall effectiveness of the statewide 168 comprehensive tobacco control program and its individual components, 169 to establish the eligibility of providers, and to distribute the moneys 170 that are appropriated pursuant to this section for supplemental 171172 payments to certain service providers for uncompensated smoking 173 cessation programs.
- 174 (3) An oversight committee whose members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and whose 175 number of members shall be provided for by law, is hereby created to 176177assist the department of health and senior services, the department of public safety, and the department of mental health in developing, 178 179 implementing, and maintaining a strategic plan, in monitoring the use of funds, and in assessing the efficacy of programs funded through the 180 181 Tobacco Use Prevention, Education, and Cessation Account. The 182members of the oversight committee shall be persons with experience 183and expertise regarding public health, tobacco control policies and 184programs, public education and counter-marketing, and program 185oversight and evaluations. No member of the oversight committee shall 186 serve as a director or employee of any organization that receives 187 funding from the Tobacco Use Prevention, Education, and Cessation 188 Account. In addition, no member of the oversight committee shall, during the member's tenure on the committee or for three years before 189 190 joining the committee, receive any salary, grants, or other payments or 191 support from any business that manufactures, distributes, markets, or sells cigarettes or other tobacco products or serve as a director, 192193 employee, or consultant of any organization that receives grants or 194 contributions from any such business or that provides legal, lobbying, public relations, marketing, or advertising services to any such 195 business. Each member of the oversight committee shall also agree not 196 197to enter into any such financial or business relationships with the tobacco industry for a period of two years after that member's tenure 198 on the oversight committee ends. The oversight committee shall 199 provide annually a publicly available report on tobacco use and its 200

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related harms and costs in the state, the allocation of the Tobacco Use Prevention, Education, and Cessation Account funds, and related surveillance and evaluation findings to the general assembly and the governor.

- 8. Moneys deposited in the Chronic Disease Management Account shall be appropriated by the general assembly to the department of social services solely to provide funding for health care access cards for uninsured Missourians and the costs of administering such program. The health care access cards shall be debit cards or similar payment mechanisms authorized by department of social services rule. To be eligible for a health care access card, an individual must be an uninsured Missourian with an annual household income that is two hundred percent or less of the federal poverty guidelines and must have one or more qualifying medical conditions. The health care access card shall be used to make payments only for outpatient physician, outpatient pharmacy, and outpatient ancillary services rendered as a result of the uninsured Missourian's qualifying medical conditions. Payments for services rendered to uninsured Missourians and paid for with the health care access cards created by this subsection shall not exceed the amount that would be paid for the same services under the Missouri Medicaid program.
- 222 (1) Before the beginning of each state fiscal year, the department 223 of social services shall administer an annual registration period when 224 uninsured Missourians with qualifying medical conditions shall be 225 entitled to demonstrate their eligibility to receive health care access 226 cards and during which the department shall verify that uninsured 227 Missourians who have previously registered are still eligible to receive health care access cards. The department of social services annually 228 shall credit an amount, to be determined by department rule, to the 229 health care access card of each uninsured Missourian who has 230 registered and is eligible for the upcoming fiscal year. The department 231 232 of social services shall consider the available funding and the number 233 of eligible registrants in determining the amount to be credited to the 234 health care access cards, and may increase or decrease the amount 235 credited to individual health care access cards based on the estimated annual costs of medical treatment for the specific qualifying medical 236 237 condition or conditions of those individuals. In determining the

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amounts to be credited to the health care access cards, the department of social services shall apply a preference in favor of medical conditions or chronic diseases that are caused or exacerbated by tobacco use or secondhand smoke. If at the end of any fiscal year the health care access card of any uninsured Missourian has an unused balance, that balance shall be available to be used in the next fiscal year. If any uninsured Missourian who was previously eligible for a health care access card ceases to be eligible, the balance on that individual's health care access card shall still be available for the individual to use for eligible expenses, but no new funds shall be credited to that individual's health care access card while the individual remains ineligible. Upon the death of any uninsured Missourian with a health care access card with an unused balance, that balance shall be used to pay any expenses incurred by the uninsured Missourian prior to death that could be paid for under this subsection and the remainder shall revert to the Chronic Disease Management Account.

- (2) The department of social services shall promulgate rules to implement this subsection, pursuant to notice and comment procedures provided by law, including a rule identifying qualifying medical conditions. From time to time but at least every three years, the department of social services shall review the medical conditions and chronic diseases within the population of Missouri Medicaid beneficiaries and promulgate any necessary revisions to its rule identifying qualifying medical conditions.
- (3) As permitted by federal law, the department of social services may seek approval from the federal government and take all other necessary steps to qualify the payments described in this subsection as eligible for federal financial participation payments through the disease management program for Missouri Medicaid beneficiaries or any similar program for obtaining additional federal funding. If the payments qualify for federal financial participation or additional federal funding as part of any such program, the department of social services may determine other medically necessary services or equipment in addition to outpatient physician, outpatient pharmacy, and outpatient ancillary services that will be covered in order to optimize the use of the additional federal funds and may authorize the

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275 health care access cards to be used to pay for such items. Any 276 application for waiver of federal Medicaid standards that is filed to implement this subsection and that relies solely on the moneys 277 278 generated by this section for the state share of any payments to be made under the waiver shall be exempt from the standards of 279 280 subsection 5 of section 208.151, RSMo. On or before January 1 of each year, the department of social services may submit a written report to 281 282 the governor and the general assembly describing the state legislative 283 changes, if any, that are needed to qualify payments under this 284 subsection for federal financial participation or additional federal funding. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, if any 285 of the payments described by this subsection do not qualify for federal 286 287 financial participation or additional federal funding at any time, the 288 payments of the state moneys in the Chronic Disease Management 289 Account shall still be made pursuant to this subsection. An individual 290 who receives health care coverage solely pursuant to this subsection shall still qualify as an uninsured Missourian for the purpose of this 291 subsection. 292

9. (1) None of the funds allocated to the accounts in subsections 7 and 8 of this section may be expended to directly or indirectly subsidize abortion services or administrative expenses. Abortion services include performing, assisting with, or directly referring for abortions, or encouraging or counseling patients to have abortions. Nondirective counseling is defined as providing patients with a list of health care and social service providers that provide pregnancy, prenatal, delivery, infant care, foster care, adoption, alternative to abortion and abortion services and nondirective, nonmarketing information in regard to such providers. Such list may categorize the providers by the service or services they provide. An organization that receives these funds may not directly refer patients who seek abortion services to any organization that provides abortion services, including its own independent affiliate. Nondirective counseling relating to pregnancy may be provided. None of these funds may be paid or granted to an organization or an affiliate of an organization that provides abortion services. An organization that receives these funds may not display or distribute marketing materials about abortion services to patients. An otherwise qualified

organization shall not be disqualified from receipt of these funds 312 313 because of its affiliation with an organization that provides abortion services, provided that the affiliated organization that provides 314abortion services is independent as determined by the conditions set 315forth in this section. To ensure that the state does not lend its 316 imprimatur to abortion services, and to ensure that an organization 317that provides abortion services does not receive a direct or indirect 318economic or marketing benefit from these funds, an organization that 319320 receives these funds and its independent affiliate that provides abortion services may not share any of the following: 321

- (a) The same or similar name;
- 323 (b) Medical or non-medical facilities, including but not limited 324 to business offices, treatment, consultation, examination, and waiting 325 rooms;
- 326 (c) Expenses;

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- 327 (d) Employee wages or salaries; or
- 328 (e) Equipment or supplies, including but not limited to 329 computers, telephone systems, telecommunications equipment and office 330 supplies.
 - (2) An independent affiliate that provides abortion services must be separately incorporated from any organization that receives these funds. An organization that receives these funds must maintain financial records that demonstrate strict compliance with this section and that demonstrate that its independent affiliate that provides abortion services receives no direct or indirect economic or marketing benefit from these funds. An independent audit shall be conducted at least once every three years to ensure compliance with this section. If the organization is an affiliate of an organization which provides abortion services, the independent audit shall be conducted at least annually. The audit shall be conducted by either an independent auditing firm retained by the department of health and senior services or by an independent auditing firm approved by the department and retained by an organization receiving these funds. Any organization receiving federal funds pursuant to Title X of the federal Public Health Services Act may perform services which are required under the federal act, but otherwise prohibited pursuant to this section if:
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and Human Services to perform such services by written order directed
 to the organization; and

- (b) Such order is final and no longer subject to appeal; and
- 352 (c) The refusal to perform such required services will result in 353 the withholding of federal funds to said organization. Federal statutory 354 or regulatory provisions or guidelines of general application shall not 355 constitute such written order as described herein.
 - and programs established pursuant to this section, which shall include an evaluation of whether pre-existing funding for programs or initiatives has been reduced because of the new funding for such purposes provided through the Healthy Future Trust Fund or any of its accounts. Such audit shall be performed on a fiscal year basis. The state auditor shall make copies of each audit available to the public. Every three years the state auditor shall prepare a comprehensive report assessing the work and progress of the programs established pursuant to this section. Such assessment report shall analyze the impact of the programs, grants, and contracts performed, shall be provided to the governor and the general assembly, and shall be available to the public.
 - 11. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the effective date of this amendment shall be January 1, 2007. The tax imposed by this section on cigarettes and other tobacco products shall be imposed on all cigarettes and other tobacco products in the possession or under the control of any dealer or distributor on and after 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2007, as determined by department of revenue rule. The initiatives and programs described in subsections 7 and 8 of this section shall be implemented as soon as reasonably practicable, but at least by July 1, 2007. All laws inconsistent with this amendment shall no longer remain in full force and effect after the effective date of this section.
 - 12. The additional revenue provided by this section shall not be part of the "total state revenue" within the meaning of sections 17 and 18 of article X of this constitution. The expenditure of this additional revenue shall not be an "expense of state government" under section 20 of article X of this constitution.
 - 13. The net proceeds from the tax imposed by this section shall

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386 constitute new and additional funding for the initiatives and programs described in this section and shall not be used to replace existing 387 funding as of July 1, 2006, for the same or similar initiatives and 388 389 programs. The state shall not reduce the level of funding that was in effect on July 1, 2006, for initiatives and programs the same as or 390 391 similar to those programs and initiatives described in this section because of the new funding provided for such purposes through the 392 Healthy Future Trust Fund or any of its accounts. 393

14. All of the provisions of this section shall be self-enforcing. All of the provisions of this section are severable. If any provision of this section is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unconstitutionally enacted, the remaining provisions of this section shall be and remain valid.

15. Beginning at the general election in 2012 and every six years thereafter, the issue of whether to continue to impose the tobacco tax described in this section shall be resubmitted to the voters. If a majority of the voters fail to reapprove such tobacco tax, the tobacco tax shall terminate on December 31, next following the election.

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